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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Energy Resources USA, Inc.

Project No. 14781-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING  
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING  
APPLICATIONS

On May 4, 2016, Energy Resources USA, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project located at the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Kentucky River Lock and Dam # 8, located on the Kentucky River in Garrard County, Kentucky. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) the existing 309-foot-long, 31-foot-high lock and dam, including an inoperable stone masonry lock; (2) three 3.96-foot-high, 87.50-foot-long hydraulic flashboards to be installed on the crest of the 262.5-foot-long spillway; (3) a reservoir with a surface area of 573 acres and a storage capacity of 14,020 acre-feet at a normal surface elevation of 31 feet mean sea level (msl); (4) a 770-foot-long, 300-foot-wide intake channel with a 85-foot-long retaining wall; (5) a 131-foot-long, 82-foot-wide powerhouse, to be built adjacent to the spillway end of the dam, containing two generating units with a total capacity of 11 megawatts; (6) a 1000-foot-long, 220-foot-wide tailrace with a 40-foot-long retaining wall; (7) a 4.16/69 kilo-Volt (kV) substation; and (8) a 3-mile-long, 69 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 59,180 megawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet

the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14781-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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